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The fleeing figures on the back cover have come from a first edition of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain.

